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PERSONS

The Rev. S. L. Tallakson, who has for some time served as interim pastor in Galesville, Wis., is now serving in the same capacity at Maddock, N. Dak.

The Rev. E. B. R. Haave, Sexsmith, Alberta, will move in the month of May to his new parish, Midale, Sask.

Miss Arna Njaa, executive secretary, Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation, has begun an extended visit to member groups in Colorado, Arizona, California, Oregon, and Washington. Later she will continue into Canada, visiting the June convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada in Edmonton, Alberta, and stopping off in Saskatoon and Winnipeg on the homeward lap of the journey.

Dale Harpstead, a graduate student at the South Dakota State College, Brookings, has recently been elected president of the Lutheran Student Foundation at the college named. While an under-graduate he served at one time as president of the Lutheran Students' Association.

The Rev. Joseph Tetlie, formerly of Madison, Minn., will be installed May 10 as pastor of Littlefork Church, Littlefork, Minn., by District President Hanson. Since last November **the Rev. O. L. Bolstad** of Brainerd, Minn., has served the Littlefork parish as interim pastor.

The Rev. E. O. Midboe has for the past two years been assistant First Army chaplain and is stationed at First Army Headquarters, Governors Island, New York. In addition to his other duties he is serving as the First Army chaplain's representative on the Armed Forces Day Planning Board and as chairman of an Army-Navy-Air Force committee to offer suggestions and help in local observance of Armed Forces Day, which this year will fall on May 16. This committee wishes to encourage churches to emphasize the theme for that day: "Power and Peace," not only on May 16, but also on the preceding Sunday, as a fitting observance of Mother's Day.

The Rev. T. C. Hanson, director of stewardship, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., has accepted a call to Breckenridge, Minn.

The Rev. Wm. A. Hood, Lily, S. Dak., has accepted a call to Big Timber, Montana; he will begin his ministry there early in June.

The Rev. Carl T. Sheie, Long Beach, Calif., has accepted a call to St. Olav Church, Weehawken, N. J.

The Rt. Rev. Bo Giertz, Bishop of Gothenburg, Sweden, who is on a visit here in the United States, lectured Thursday forenoon, April 16, at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, and had a conference with the faculty in the afternoon. At noon he was the honor guest at a luncheon given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Gullixson.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Staten Island, N. Y. Atlantic Circuit WMF held its spring convention April 13 at Eltingville Church on Staten Island. Among the speakers were Mrs. Kent S. Knutson, who lately has returned from several months' stay in Germany, and Dr. L. P. Qualben, president of the Atlantic Circuit. Pictures taken at the Hannover Lutheran World Federation assembly last summer were shown by Miss Clara Honold, parish worker in Zion Church, Staten Island.

Levittown, N. Y. Church of the Good Shepherd received on Palm Sunday 45 new members, sixteen of these by adult confirmation. This church has been served temporarily by the Russell B. Helgesen, who now is b ning work organizing a new Lon land church, at Plainedge. As tioned earlier in these columns, the E. C. Astrup, now of Velva, N. D will begin his pastorate here in L town about June 15.

Southern Minnesota

Rochester, Minn. Gloria Dei, a congregation in this city, is nearin completion of its first church buil Its first service was held Palm Su in the main assembly room, suffici ready for use. 328 were present. A day school was started two weeks The pastor of this church is the J. B. Shefveland.

Winona, Minn. The LDR and of Fillmore Circuit held a wor conference Apr. 18 at Central Ch in this city.

North Dakota

Berthold, N. Dak. The Berthold ish received at Easter 55 new mem many of these by adult confirma An adult class will be confirmed i John's congregation at Carpio Ma as part of the observance of the gregations fiftieth anniversary, s uled for May 17-19. The pastor o Berthold parish is the Rev. Walte Hallerud.

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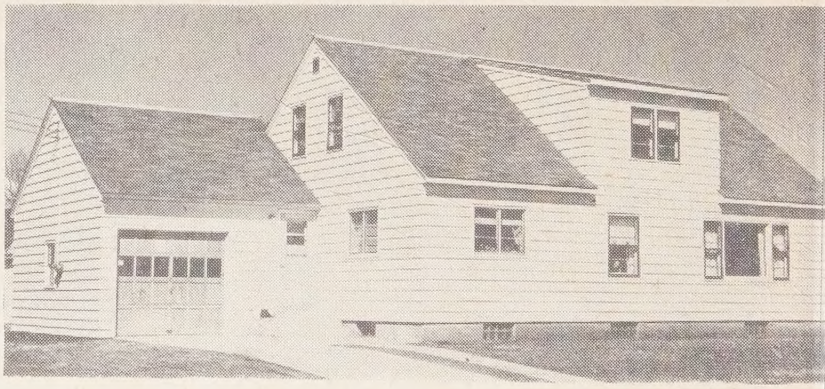
NEW NORTH DAKOTA PARSONAGE



Pictured herewith is the new $22,000 parsonage built by the ELC parish at Souris, N. Dak. It is an eight-room house, with attached garage. It will be dedicated May 10 by Dr. L. E. T son, president of the North D District. The pastor of the parish i Rev. Ray Melheim.

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A Christian Foundation for Every Home

Agnes E. Hendrickson

A Christian Foundation for Every Home is the Protestant theme for National Family Week, May 3-10. During this week churches throughout the land will give special thought and attention to the importance of the family and the opportunities of the family to strengthen church life as well as national life. The object is to challenge every home to provide for itself *A Christian Foundation.*

Family Week has been observed by the Christian Church for a number of years in a number of ways. The press, radio, pulpit, and other publicity channels have been used to call attention to the importance of this week. Through a study of the ways and means previously used, the families of our Church in 1953 may learn of new ways in which they may better observe the week and more richly profit from the experience of having observed Family Week. Through these means the families of today can help provide a more wholesome home and church environment for the families of tomorrow.

The importance of observing Family Week in our churches and homes cannot be over-emphasized. God has always been interested in the family. He has always worked through the family. Indeed, He Himself created the family, and He has promised special blessings to it. How significant that He should desire to be called "Father." He is the One "from whom every family . . . named" (Ephesians 3:15). When the family is concerned about permitting the heavenly Father to exercise His due prerogatives in the home, then family life and the home are especially blessed. Then possibilities for blessings in the community and the nation are limitless.

In planning for Family Week one discovers anew the truth that Christian homes do not "just happen." They are the result of earnest love and simple faith poured into many small and ordinary tasks. They are the result of permitting God to be truly the "Father" in the home.

In order to receive the greatest benefit from Family Week, congregations will want to put forth every effort to bring the *family* into the *church* and the *church* into the *family*. Mutual benefits and blessings will be the result. The Board of Christian Education of The Evangelical Lutheran Church offers several practical suggestions for bringing the family into the church.

(1) The pastor will want to preach a sermon stressing the importance of the Christian home and family life on one of the two Sundays, May 3 or May 10. Many families are despairing in sadness and sorrow because of the cruel changes which have come to them through the recent wars. Theirs is a need for a re-birth of faith, a renewing of hope, and a rekindling of love. During Family Week it is possible to have these needs supplied.

(2) The congregation will want to stress the idea of the family pew on these two Sundays. All of the members of each family should be urged to sit together in the same pew at these two worship services. Strength for future years will be provided by the memories of having worshipped with mother and father. Likewise also, parents will be encouraged by having the older as well as the younger children worship with them.

(3) "Family Night" in the church is another suggestion. Again, the entire family should come to church as a unit. With careful and co-operative planning, Family Night can be a strengthener of the bonds within the family, as well as an undergirder for the congregation.

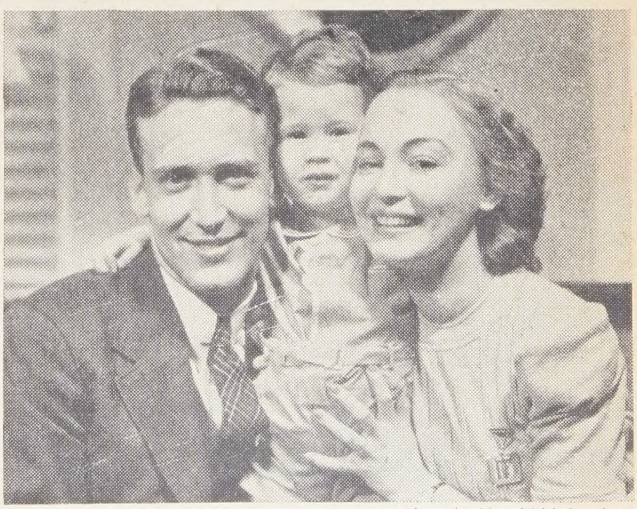

Photo by Harold M. Lambert

Christian homes do not "just happen." They are the result of earnest love and simple faith poured into many small and ordinary tasks.

An appropriate program should be planned with the children and adults participating. One church used a "twin panel" technique with much success. In this undertaking, parents and children were given opportunity to "air" their ideas in the realm of parent-child relationships, with the help of a quiz master.

Suggestions are also made by the Department of Christian Education for bringing the church into the family:

(1) The family is urged to gather at a certain time each day for a period of Bible reading and prayer in the home. "The Family Bible Lives Anew" is the name of a small booklet recommended for family Bible reading for one week. This booklet presents some new approaches to the reading of the Bible in the home and includes definite readings and additional things for each member of the family to do each day of the week. It is hoped that each family will want to continue daily family devotions after Family Week is over. The booklet "The Family Bible Lives Anew" may be ordered from the Department of Christian Education, 421 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota, for five cents per copy. Each family should have a booklet.

(2) "Family Night" at home is another suggestion for the observance of Family Week. A part of this evening may take the form of a "family council meeting" when plans are made for home improvement, family vacations, and individual responsibilities. A part of the evening may profitably be spent discussing topics such as "What makes a home Christian?" "How may the fam bless the Church?" "How may the Church bless t family?" Other subjects will suggest themselves as t practice of family night at home progresses. Games w be a welcome part of family night at home. Some these should be planned in advance. Others may be spontaneous outgrowth of the events of the evening. sure to sing with the children, and to reminisce w them. Someone has said, "Happiness grows at our o firesides, and is not to be picked in strangers' garden The evening may be fittingly closed with a hymn an prayer.

(3) Saturday night preparation for Sunday is a th suggestion for bringing the church into the family. this time each member of the family may wish to co plete preparations and plans for the Sunday sched in the church and in the home. Among the items to remembered will be Sunday school, the worship serv the tithe and offering envelopes, fellowship supper (p haps in the church or perhaps with another famil and Luther League.

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God has always been interested in the family. He has always worked through the family. Indeed, He Himself created the family, and He has promised special blessings to it.

A number of filmstrips are available for use in obse ing Family Week. Each filmstrip pictures in an en taining and provocative manner situations which are miliar to most homes. Each presents a problem, after the filmstrip has been shown, there is opportu to discuss the solution to the problem. The filmstrips black and white with 78 rpm records.

At Home With God tells the story of how one fam started regular family worship and shows the cha in conduct among the members as a result of this sp ual exercise.

For the Record is the story of how Billy Perry's p ents were led to see their responsibility in helping t son in the Christian life.

A Harvest From Holidays shows how one family perienced Christian growth from various holidays, cial celebrations, and community enterprises. Fami will find new possibilities for distinctively Chris experiences in celebrations that have not usually b regarded from that point of view before.

Built Upon the Rock shows the various types "strain" families must face and how these situati may be successfully met through diligent use of the B and prayer as well as the fellowship of the saints.

No Easy Answer tells how three families dealt w three common problems. This filmstrip presents a approach in evoking constructive thinking and dis sion. It may be used in three separate sessions. Eac its three situations is presented as a problem. Later solutions worked out by the three respective fam are shown. In the discussion, the audience may sug other solutions.

All of these filmstrips are usable in church fa

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Prologue to a World Premiere

Bob Lee

Early one morning recently—before most of the other residents of Duluth were out of bed—a Lutheran pastor and a layman from his congregation set out for Minneapolis by car. They were on a tight schedule that demanded their return for a dinner meeting at their church in Duluth that night. But they made their appointment and returned home feeling that the trip was indeed worth it all.

In Minneapolis, they had seen a movie—that's all. But it was no ordinary film. The Duluth visitors were among the first in the world to view the recently-completed production, "Martin Luther." Filmed in West Germany by Louis de Rochemont Associates for Lutheran Church Productions, "Martin Luther" was sponsored by six Lutheran groups, including The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The preview was by way of introducing to the churches of the Upper Midwest the fact that the world premiere of "Martin Luther" would open May 4 in Minneapolis at the Lyceum Theatre. As the first public showing anywhere, it would have a run of at least two weeks.

Some 1,500 invited guests—clergy and laymen of many denominations—attended private screenings in both Minneapolis and St. Paul. Afterwards they were invited to comment on the film. Seldom has any presentation evoked such superlative response from such a diversified group within Protestantism.

A Lutheran pastor, the Rev. A. E. Neve, who drove over from Milltown, Wisconsin, to see the film said, *"It catches the spirit of the original Reformation and translates it into the language of today."*

"Magnificent—not only technically and dramatically superb, but evangelical and inspiring!" was the comment of the Rev. Eden Nicholas, Wayzata, who has himself appeared as a dramatic actor in films.

Many of the representative audience—housewives and business men together with pastors—echoed the comment of the Rev. Melford S. Knutson of Albert Lea, *"I hope every person in the Christian world can see it!"*

Martin Luther in the pulpit of the Wittenberg parish exhorts his people in sermons that have become famous. The film dramatizes these highlights.

It might seem perfectly natural that the realization of this long-awaited production would excite Lutherans. This group, however, might also be the most critical.

A theological professor called the film *"an excellent presentation, powerful in its dramatic appeal, vividly portrayed. I felt as if I were transplanted to the time of Martin Luther."* This comment came from Dr. Robert Boyd, of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul.

Other Protestants viewing the film were equally enthusiastic. The pastor at the Westminster Foundation, University of Minnesota, the Rev. James Boren, said, *"This is one of the best documentary films and a real necessity in understanding the Reformation."*

The pastor of Daytons Bluff Baptist Church said simply, *"Powerfully good!"*

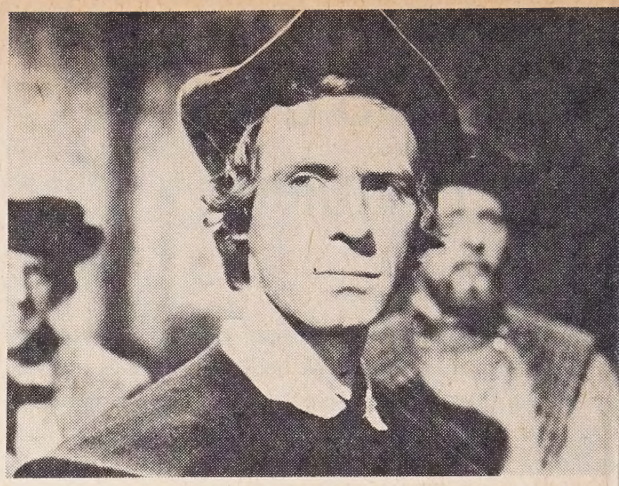
A Methodist minister from St. Louis Park stated, *"An excellent picture that everyone should see. It provides a deeper understanding of what the Protestant Reformation really was."*

What actor could possibly please all Lutherans in his interpretation and reflection of the character of Martin Luther? If the sampling survey from the Twin Cities' previews is indicative, the British actor, Niall MacGinnis, filled the bill to the almost unanimous satisfaction of Lutherans and other Protestants.

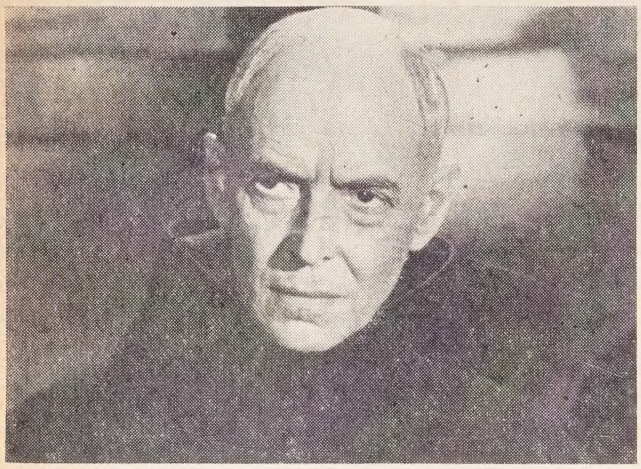
A parish worker, Delores Petto, commented, *"Terrific casting. Luther had all the humor, appeal, wrath, and love of God we had imagined."*

Bob Lee, assistant director of public relations for the ELC, is the executive director for the world premiere of "Martin Luther" which opens May 4 in Minneapolis at the Lyceum Theatre.

CARLSTADT, fellow theologian with Luther at the University of Wittenberg, is played by Alastair Huntuer. As the Reformation movement gains momentum and spreads across Europe, Luther finds it necessary to repudiate Carlstadt for his extremist position.

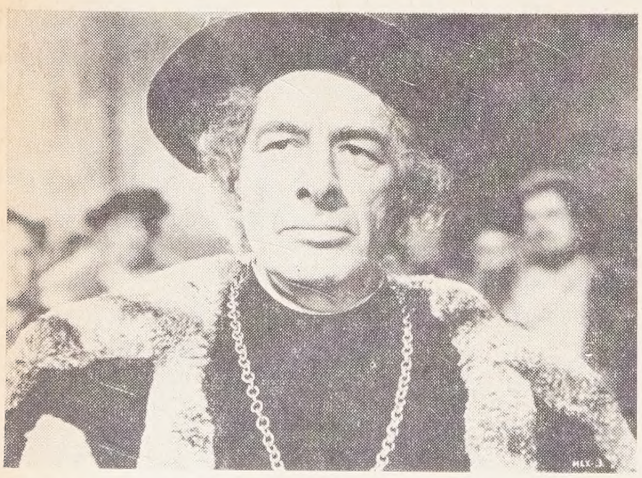


SPALATIN, Luther's good friend from his days as a law studen played by the French actor, Pierre Lefevre. Spalatin rises in chu and state to the influential position as secretary to Duke Freder He helps to arrange the appointment of Luther to the Wittenb faculty.



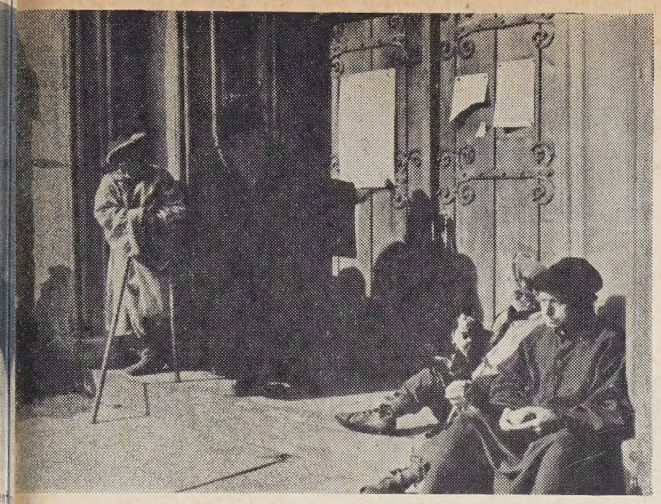
VICAR VON STAUPITZ is given a remarkably sensitive performance by actor John Ruddock. Clerical superior in the Augustinian order, von Staupitz becomes Luther's confidante and friend. He sends Luther to the University to study and teach, and later, on a mission to Rome.

DUKE FREDERICK, elector of Saxony, is portrayed as a sympath prince by David Horne. After Leipzig's debates and the exc munication of Luther, the Duke refuses to turn Luther over to R After the Diet of Worms, Luther is given refuge in the D Wartburg Castle.



CHANCELLOR BRUECK reads the Augsburg Confession in the famous meeting with Emperor Charles V and the princes and theologians. This role in the film is ably handled by the noted director, Irving Pichel, who directed "Martin Luther" on location in West Germany. He will attend the opening night in Minneapolis.

MELANCHTHON, a faculty colleague, supports Luther while theological struggle brews. Actor Guy Verney interprets his ro a would-be negotiator with restraint. However, Melanchthon Luther's spokesman at Augsburg, fails to compromise differ with the Roman Church.



The castle church door at Wittenberg was the bulletin board of the town. Here Luther nails his objections to the wholesale hawking of indulgences.

The Rev. Howard L. Huntzicher, Lake Harriet Methodist Church in Minneapolis, said, *"Well directed. Superb timing! The character of Luther is most convincing!"*

The pastor of First Augustana Lutheran Church in Minneapolis added, *"The grandest picture ever done by the church and a faithful portrayal of the life and times of Luther."*

When the screen treatment of Luther's life was first planned, it was thought of primarily for showing in churches. However, as the production progressed, it became clear that the film would rank as a presentation of major dramatic importance. The outstanding script, authored by Allan Sloane (who wrote "Answer for Anne") and producer Lothar Wolff, paved the way for a dramatic triumph.

The world looked to Lutherans in America to produce a good film. Well known was the outstanding work of such men as Melvin F. Schlake, who had produced for the Missouri synod "Reaching from Heaven" and other notable feature-type gospel-centered films, and Henry Endress, who was responsible for the famous ULCA stewardship films, including "Salt of the Earth" and "Like a Mighty Army."

Schlake and Endress were chosen as a team for Lutheran Church Productions to scout out the best possible artists and technicians to put the life of Luther on film.

The result, as filmed in Germany by the de Rochemont organization and directed by Irving Pichel, was of such dramatic stature that its showing also to the non-church public became inevitable.

That means that, after the world premiere in Minneapolis, the way will be opened for "Martin Luther" to be distributed nationally. As is usually the case with a celebrated cinema release, the first-run theatres in major cities may get the first option. It may take several months before this film will be scheduled at the so-called "neighborhood" theatres and the circuit of smaller cities throughout the land.

But it is significant to note that the public demand for a film, which a theatre manager discovers from among his constituency, is relayed through the channels of the industry and helps to determine a film's distribution. Local churches will probably not be able to order 16mm prints for their own projection until any national theatrical distribution has run its course.

For the world premiere in Minneapolis, Dr. E. S. Hjortland, senior pastor of Central Lutheran Church, was chosen as chairman of the volunteer sponsors committee. He has announced a special discount rate for exchange tickets purchased through a church or school organization.

One hundred twenty thousand such tickets had been released for distribution through Protestant churches of Minnesota three weeks prior to the opening on May 4. Performances at the Lyceum Theatre are scheduled daily at 2:00, 7:30 and 9:40 p.m.

"Martin Luther" has been acclaimed as dramatic entertainment. Many will be drawn to the box office seeking amusement, escape, or a vicarious experience of living. But what they see there may well have a profound effect upon them.

Although the response to the film from a mass audience cannot be accurately predicted, there have been some rather overwhelming spiritual reactions evidenced already among those who have previewed it.

An insurance executive from St. Paul stated, *"This history making event is the most powerful sermon of this day!"*

A South St. Paul man said the film *"makes me want to get down on my knees, seeking God's will for my life . . . and to work for the spreading of the Word and the work of Christ."*

The parsonage of Luther (Niall MacGinnis) and his wife (American actress Annette Carrell) is the setting for the delightful scene of a Catechism class.

The Gospel to the Nation!

Photographs are by Vernyl Pederson

Now it is possible to hear the Seminary Hour just about "anywhere" in the United States! The vastness of this great nation is within the scope of this seminary endeavor. Whether you live in Texas or North Dakota, New York or California, now it is possible to hear the Word of God preached and sung from the chapel of Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Seminary Hour is a cooperative effort on the part of the faculty and students to share with others a half hour of each week in a devotional-musical program. It is the purpose of this radio broadcast to bring the Gospel into as many homes as possible, and to deepen and strengthen the fellowship of the people and their seminary. The program itself is one of variety. Students are selected from the senior class together with faculty members to bring the meditation. In addition, the musical portion is presented by the seminary choir or the student body.

BY RECORDED TAPE

Erling W. Hansen (left), middler from Chetek, Wis., and David Scheie, junior from Minneapolis, Minn.

Formerly your Seminary broadcast was limited to the listening area of WCAL, Northfield, Minnesota. But now, because of a new, excellent way of recording, that listening area can be expanded to the "entire" United States. With former facilities it was possible only to reach this limited number of people, but now we have been blessed with additional equipment to make it possible to reach the "entire" United States with the wonderful news of salvation. This possibility, however, depends to a large extent upon you people of the Church. This equipment is at your disposal. It consists of a new 400 console tape recorder. The nature of the equipment is of the highest caliber. Its use by the Church provides future possibilities unlimited. The recorder is the same type as recently installed in the studios of WCCO (Minneapolis and St. Paul), and KSTP (St. Paul) has also converted to this recorder. This type of recorder is being used in the major national networks of the United States.

If the Seminary Hour were to be broadcast on a c to coast network, the cost would be far too great. with this new recording device, it is possible to re the Seminary Hour at the seminary itself and to s taped programs to smaller studios around the na and have them re-broadcas a much lower cost. This tribution arrangement ma it possible to obtain the lis ing audience that a nati network would cover.

How may this above descr program be realized? The chanics have been describe which this program may o nate in the radio chape Luther Seminary. An atte has also been made to s how this program may be tributed to a national audie The responsibility and op tunity of distribution lies w in the action of responsive gregations. The geograph area reached by local radio tions can also be the recip of the Word of Life. The gregations, auxiliaries, or viduals within this liste area may co-operate in sponsorship of this we Seminary Hour at a very minute cost. Some may to sponsor it on one evening of the week, while o may wish a Sunday afternoon program. The progra not restricted to any prescribed hour. Investigation the local situation will provide you with ample info tion concerning costs of such broadcasts.

You are invited to write to the Radio Committe Luther Seminary for further information. Sample of programs can be sent upon request or if you within the present broadcasting area of Northfield Seminary Hour is broadcasting every Sunday at p.m. over WCAL, 770 KC.

You or your congregation can help establish a na wide listening audience for your Seminary Hour. opportunity is your challenge!

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Studying ways and means of reaching out into broader areas are (l. to r.): Winston Grant, middler from Waseca, Minn.; Stanford Stenson, senior from Alexandria, Minn.; and Dr. T. F. Gullixson, President of Luther Theological Seminary.

INTO AMERICA'S HOMES

With the new equipment the program will be available for families throughout the United States.

Behind the Iron Curtain

Peter Gerisch

A few days ago I received a letter from a former high school classmate of mine, describing how he recently escaped from the Soviet Zone and fought his hazardous way to the freedom of a West German university.

"But I am not happy here either," his letter closed, "for I am terribly concerned about my parents who are still in the Soviet Zone. According to the latest law issued by the East German puppet government, all members of a family are held responsible for each other in case any one of them should escape from behind the Iron Curtain. My parents will face imprisonment if it should ever become known in my home town that I am here in West Germany."

One of the most vicious things a government can ever do is to hold members of a single family responsible for each other. Imagine what this means! Your mother may be imprisoned because you as her child flee for your own safety.

This "law," unbelievable in its shameless cruelty, was issued just at the same time as the Russian ambassador in London handed a "generous" check to the British government for the victims of the European flood catastrophe. How many people in the western world will be led astray by this Soviet gesture? How many will say, "After all, the Soviets cannot be so bad when they do things like this"?

This legislative act, however, marks only the official "legalization" of a situation which has been in practical existence for years. I personally know cases where family members have been held responsible for each other in past years, even though no law existed to authorize it.

One of the horrors of the Soviet dictatorship is that it acts hundreds of times without referring to any law. Nobody ever knows whether or not he is committing a "crime." Law in the free western world is fixed, and only such misdemeanors can be charged which have been defined as crimes. Anyone may know in advance whether a particular act is a crime or not, simply by reading the law.

Under the Soviet system, everybody is in danger of being accused for acts which have been arbitrarily defined as "crimes."

Until recently, there never existed a law prohibiting the crossing of the Soviet-Western Zone border. Yet people have been sentenced to imprisonment, hard labor, and even deportation when they were caught crossing this line. There never existed any law prohibiting the carrying of food into the besieged city of West Berlin during the famous blockade in 1948-49. However, people were severely punished when they tried to bring in food from the surrounding Soviet Zone to their

hungering friends and relatives. Not a single law existed until 1948 forbidding criticism of the Soviet system. But countless numbers were imprisoned during that period for uttering their free opinion.

This chain is endless, as are all horrors and pains behind the Iron Curtain. People there must live in a torturing insecurity, beyond comprehension for those have not actually experienced it.

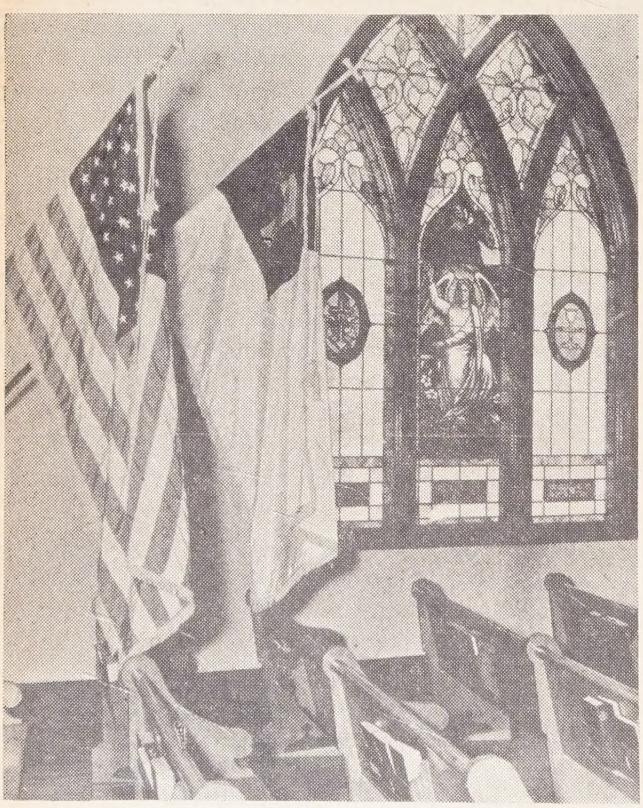
Is it surprising that many of these people eventu lose faith in everything, even in the law of the Lo This is where the Christian belief is in real dan behind the Iron Curtain, in the land without law

Missionaries in Uniform

Verner Trygve Jordahl, Chaplain, U
Chairman, ELC Chaplaincy Commis

Rumors of war and of peace intermingle as a steady stream of young men continue to leave home, school, farm, and shop for some 350 U. S. military bases at home and abroad. Before long, as many people will have been mobilized for the Korean "police action" as served during World War I. These men face separation, loneliness, disillusionment, pain, and death. In every theater of war sin takes on its rawest aspects. Greed, hatred, vice, and infidelity breed and spread a hundredfold. A few come out of it, if they do, with faith polished and shining, the most precious jewel in life's diadem. Many—so very many—become victims of the black plague which can lead to a death more horrible than that of the battlefield.

145,000 men and women who have bowed their knees at Lutheran altars are in that host of warriors. What a potential army of missionaries in uniform! Some two million of these modern defenders of our homes not confessed Christ. What a mission field!



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Fellow pastors, we need men, red-blooded, sure-foo spiritual leaders, willing to plunge into this mes help rescue the dying and to protect the living. We chaplains, tried and tested in the parish ministry enter this unpopular war. The army, tough old a needs you most of all simply because it offers a c lain the greatest hazards. Requirements have slack and tenure has been reduced to see if that will Tens of thousands in the army have not a chaplain sinner's friend.

Many a veteran chaplain is returning home. He his part. Seven have given their lives to those ugly five are missing, 19 wounded, 250 decorated. We replacements. Lutherans are in demand because, i language of one G.I., "They preach the religion o Bible."

The Military Chaplaincy Commission, ELC, lished by convention mandate, is maintaining co and giving service to all chaplains. Its most u burden right now is more army chaplains. It solici prayers of the Church that the depleting ranks of C tian chaplains may soon be filled.

A Christian Foundation

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night programs, adult Bible classes, women's orga tions, family welfare, family life workshops, young and young people's socials, and congregational hours. They may be ordered from ELC Films, 57 Fourth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The richest experiences of Christian living are res for those families who worship and serve God to at home as well as at church.

In the words of George A. Buttrick: "Whe church is once more in the home, public worshi have a new glow, preaching a new grip on all lif church school will have its rebirth, and our blo world a Christian hope and health."

Other members of the Commission are Dr. Martin Anderson, presiden Eastern District; and Dr. Lester Pierson, president of the South Dakota

Information on Fargo-Moorhead Convention

Theme: "Thy Will Be Done on Earth"

Registration—Registrations are now being received at the Luther League Convention Office, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, for the Fifteenth Biennial International Convention of the Young People's Luther League and Choral Union. The registration fee is six dollars and must be paid in advance. This six dollars covers the souvenir convention badge, the convention kit, the picnic supper and convention privileges. The deadline for convention registrations is May 15. Please use the official registration blank when registering. Copies are available at the Luther League Office or at the Convention Office in Moorhead.

Regulations—Since the benefits of the convention messages will be impressed through careful personal application, adult counselors are requested to aid in counseling larger groups of Leaguers attending the convention. An adult counselor must be registered with each group of five young people. In the case of larger groups traveling by public transportation, one adult may be in charge of up to ten Leaguers. When groups of thirty or more register from a parish, the pastor is expected to accompany the group to help Leaguers receive the greatest possible benefit from the convention.

Housing—Convention registrants will be housed in dormitories, private homes, hotels and motels. Early registrants will have the best preference. No housing reservations will be made without advance registration through the Luther League Convention Office.

Cost—Registration for the convention is six dollars. Dormitory and private housing will be provided at two dollars per night. The cost of the meals will be up to the registrant. Thirty-five dollars, plus the cost of transportation, should amply cover all expenses to the convention.

Program—The convention opens officially with worship services on Wednesday evening, July 1. However, registration, band rehearsals, vocal contests, prayer services, film hours and briefing sessions will be conducted during the day on July 1. Convention high lights include: Bible time, youth forums, Leaguers' hours, International night, consecration service, parade, picnic, Communion service, festival worship, and the Choral Union concert. Speakers include: The Reverend Carroll Hinderlie, Dr. Fredrik Schiotz, Dr. George Aus, the Reverend Edward Hansen, UELC, the Reverend Selmer Heen, the Reverend Arndt Halvorson and the Reverend Oscar Anderson. Bible leaders include: Mr. Dar Roa, the Reverend Erling Wold, and the Reverend Herbert Loddigs. The convention will close on Sunday afternoon, July 5.

Convention Band—A convention band will be organized under the directorship of Mr. Leif Christianson of Concordia College, comprising registrants who have applied for a place in the band and have been chosen by Mr. Christianson. It is hoped that a band of more than two hundred pieces will play for the main sessions of the convention. Application blanks have been sent to all pastors. These should be filled out and mailed to Mr. Leif Christianson, in care of the Convention Office, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota. Additional copies of the convention band application may be secured from the Luther League Office, or from the Convention Office.

Choral Union Vocal Contest—The Choral Union is sponsoring a vocal contest in connection with its part in the Biennial Luther League and Choral Union Convention. The winning boy and the winning girl will receive scholarships totaling one hundred dollars each to any one of the colleges of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. Three other ELC colleges are offering fifty-dollar scholarships to the next three winners, who will be allowed to choose their college in the order of their placement in the contest. The two top winners will also have an opportunity to appear on the convention program. This contest will be held on Wednesday, July 1, in the chapel at Concordia College. Those wishing to enter the contest are asked to register with the Choral Union. Registrations are to be sent to Vocal Contest, Choral Union Office, 495 Park Street, St. Paul 3, Minnesota.

Convention Essay Contest—"THIS I BELIEVE," is the topic for the essay contest to be conducted in connection with the International Convention in Fargo-Moorhead. This contest will take the place of the other talent contests hitherto held in connection with International Conventions.

The contest is open to any active Luther Leaguer, and involves submitting an essay of six hundred words in length on the designated topic. This is to be a statement of personal faith. Three boys and three girls will be chosen as winners and will receive leather-bound editions of the Revised Standard Version Bible with their names inscribed. They will also present their essays at the convention in Fargo-Moorhead. Entries must be submitted to the Luther League Office by June 1, 1953.

Transportation—Transportation arrangements are in the hands of local Leaguers and the circuit. International Convention Promoters have been appointed in each circuit. The Reverend Marcus Gravdal, first vice president of the Luther League, is the transportation director for the convention, and inquiries can be addressed to him at the Luther League Office, 57 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Prayer—Each convention registrant is expected to be a prayer crusader for the convention. Local Leagues are urged to include the convention in League devotionals. Sunday, June 14, has been designated as Convention Prayer Sunday, with each circuit conducting a prayer rally on that day.

Pray and plan toward the "Rally in the Valley."

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The proper title is "Martin Luther," but people have been calling it simply "the Luther film" for so long that that is probably what it will go on being called. We refer to the film production of the life of Luther which is quite extensively discussed and generously illustrated in this issue.

The editor saw the film during the meeting of the National Lutheran Council one of the first days of February. Up to this time we have contented ourselves with a few news items about the production for a variety of reasons. In the first place, it has not been easy to find out exactly what the distribution plans are (as a matter of fact we still don't know very much about them). In the second place, we preferred to have editorial comment come at about the time the picture has its premiere showing to the public. Now that it is determined that this will take place May 4 and that the place is Minneapolis, perhaps the time has come for us to write a little about the film. We shall not concern ourselves with the content of the picture; that is adequately covered by Mr. Lee in his article in this issue.

To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time a distinctively Lutheran film has been produced which is of a standard to qualify it for "the big time"—for showing in the first-run theaters of the country. This is not to minimize the many fine Lutheran films which are available for showing in churches and parish houses. These all have their place and fill a real need. However, the film "Martin Luther" set out to be, and is, a production which can compete with the very best on the market today. This is true both technically and artistically. It is the product of professional people throughout. The actors are professional, the direction is professional, the photography and sound are professional. It is our opinion that "Martin Luther" can take its place with any professionally produced film. We stress this fact because we have been hearing for years complaint that other, non-Lutheran, religious films are being shown, and why can't we have something equal to any of them? The Luther film is just that.

Secondly, it should be stated that the film is historically correct. Following the showing last February, the editor chanced to be one of a group who spoke with Dr. Abdel Ross Wentz, one of America's leading Lutheran church historians, about the film, which he also had just seen for the first time. In reply to a question as to its authenticity, Dr. Wentz replied that he had been able to discover only two historical inaccuracies, and those so minor that not one viewer in a thousand would detect them. The person who sees "Martin Luther" can be sure that he is seeing the life of Luther as it actually was lived, with background and surroundings completely true to life.

Thirdly—and this is the most important thing we ha to say about it—the Luther film has a message. It is bit difficult to put it into words, for the evangeli message of sin and grace is intangible. Perhaps this somewhat accurate: The viewer sees sin as it is, not a passing moral lapse, but as a deep-seated condition which a human being is separated from God, kno his condition, but does not know what to do about He sees the sinner's attempts to find peace with G fail at every point. Then he sees how that peace com with forgiveness of sin. Last, he sees the sanctified l of the saved sinner. That is not put as well as it shou be, but it is the best we can do. In a play which hol the absorbed attention of the viewer throughout, t message of sin and grace, of Law and Gospel, becom astonishingly real.

Related to that is that one is glad to be a Luther as one watches the film. One senses that here is no man-made religion; here is the revealed religion of t one true God who so loved the world that He ga His Son to redeem the world. We can foresee that ma a person who is a Lutheran by "inheritance" and "adhesion" will come away from seeing the Luther fi a Lutheran, at last, by "conviction." And one can fo see that not a few will find in the film God's vehi to bring him to a decisive meeting with his Lord.

We do not believe that "Martin Luther" can in a sense be called a controversial film. It would have be easy for the producers to have made it that. It wou have been simple enough (and perfectly true historic ly) to portray the Roman Catholic Church in a decide unfavorable light. Without having any evidence at we incline to believe that extremes were purpos avoided. We cannot recall one single scene in the pict which an objective observer could possibly consider being intended to incite the viewer to violent feeli toward the Roman Church. Therefore we insist t "Martin Luther" cannot be called a controversial fil

And yet we are quite sure that there are those w will feel that it is "anti-Catholic" and that it inci to "anti-Catholic" feelings. We may as well be prepa for that. Some of the publicity which was given Luther film following the meeting of the National L theran Council was, we felt, somewhat unfortunate. was stated on the floor of the Council that the film w controversial. One cannot blame the newsmen pres for playing up such statements; after all, they are ne

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worthy. We hope, however, that they have not prejudiced the minds of people regarding the film. To be ure, there are times when the Roman Church appears n a bad light. How could it be otherwise when one ecalls what the Roman Church of pre-Reformation and Reformation days was like? After all, a Tetzel with his ale of indulgences was one of the immediate causes f the Reformation. That is history, and no glossing over would make it other than it was. But even scenes like hose connected with Tetzel are played with restraint.

We want it stated here, clearly and emphatically, hat "Martin Luther" is intended to be only what it laims to be: the story of the life of Martin Luther and he spiritual lessons which his life teaches.

Production of "Martin Luther" is an experiment. So, t least as far as The Evangelical Lutheran Church is oncerned, is its distribution on a commercial basis. Our irst feeling was that distribution should have been confined to churches. However, we can easily see that the commercial method, to begin with, is better. If we have a film which can be shown to advantage in the great movie theaters of the country, that is where it belongs.

We wish that it were possible to state when it will be possible for all our readers to see "Martin Luther." However, as Mr. Lee explains in his article, that cannot be done yet. The probability is that it will be shown first in the larger cities, then in smaller, and so on. Eventually, it seems to us that it should be possible for the distributors to cover the country quite well on a theater basis. After that, we trust that the film will be made available to individual congregations for showing in their churches and parish houses.

For the present, what we are chiefly interested in is that the appearance of "Martin Luther" be known to our readers, that its reception be favorable, and that everyone make an earnest effort to see it for himself. Early indications are that its reception in Minneapolis will be very enthusiastic. Previews have been held for Lutheran pastors and lay leaders over a large area, and, as Mr. Lee points out, the picture has elicited much fine comment.

May it not be that "Martin Luther" will be only a beginning in a project, long overdue, to use this medium to bring our message to America? It is an inter-synodical venture in the broadest sense. Perhaps we have here hit upon a field of inter-Lutheran co-operation which has boundless possibilities.

For Once We Agree

It is not often the editor finds himself in agreement with the conclusions of Roman Catholic editors. But it does happen. It happened when we read a brief article in a recent issue of *Our Sunday Visitor,* a Roman Catholic family paper. Title: "To Sign or Not to Sign"; subtitle: "A Word to Non-Catholics"; author, a priest. With the premises we do not agree; with the conclusion we do. Read it with care. Here it is:

"Every non-Catholic wanting to marry a Catholic is required to make these promises: (1) that his (or her) partner will have perfect liberty in the practice of the Catholic Faith; (2) all the children born of this union will be baptized and reared Catholics.

"We Catholics believe that ours is the one and only Faith personally established by Jesus Christ. Non-Catholics, however sincere, are simply mistaken in their beliefs. We don't quarrel. There is no throwing of stones. We live and let live. But that is our belief.

"Our Faith is our most precious possession. We have laid down our lives for it by hundreds of thousands. We have suffered persecution, discrimination in our business and social life. But we have hung on like bulldogs, convinced that the loss of our Faith is the greatest tragedy that could befall any of us.

"Because our Church knows the danger to Catholic Faith involved in the intimate and affectionate association of married life with a non-Catholic, she simply forbids Catholics to marry anyone who is not a Catholic.

"But knowing human nature, she is prepared to make an occasional exception—if the Faith is properly safeguarded in the Catholic party and the children.

"In this one must concede that the Catholic Church is quite logical and consistent in her position.

"The Catholic, it is understood, can't receive the Sacrament of Marriage unless it be from the Church. 'What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder,' and God, to the Catholic, is represented only by a priest in the marriage ceremony. He can't marry a non-Catholic without his Bishop's permission—nor will that be given until the promises have been signed, sealed, and locked in the Chancery archives.

"There is a dilemma here: If the Protestant party is a person of deep and earnest conviction about his Protestant principles, he can neither renounce his rights over the religious formation of his children, nor can he violate his conscience by signing the promises insincerely.

"If the non-Catholic can say sincerely that the Faith of his beloved will be all right for his children, too—then that's another matter.

"Otherwise, there is only one thing to do, and that is to break it up. It sounds hard-hearted, but it's deep wisdom, and it will protect the conscience and the eventual happiness of both parties."

Hongkong and China

Rolf A. Sy

Recently we presented a rather general survey of Hongkong and our mission work there. We now have a recent report from Hongkong written by the Rev. Palmer Anderson, who is the superintendent of our mission located in Kowloon, Hongkong.

He reports specially about three areas, the Diamond Hill, which is close to the airport and where we are at the present time preparing to assist the Chinese Christians in erecting a church, Yuan Lung, which is a rather new area of work, and Hay Ling Chau, the island where we have special work among lepers. These reports are very encouraging.

"Chinese New Year came on February 14 this year. People dressed in their New Year best crowded the streets. Theaters and restaurants did a rushing business.

"The next morning, on the verandah of the flat directly across the court from ours, we saw two Chinese women bowing before an improvised altar where lighted incense sticks burned and offerings of food were outspread—gifts to the kitchen god just installed—after his annual mission to the super-gods to report on the deportment of each member of the family. It behooves them to give him a royal welcome.

"On Sunday, the following day, we witnessed something far more momentous—a baptismal service at our Diamond Hill congregation where seven adults and four children were brought into the fold of the Good Shepherd. Two of these were young women, one a young man, another a grandmother together with her daughter and two grandchildren. Another woman was brought into the congregation on confession of faith. Pastor James Hu, who assisted largely in preparing the class, conducted the service. He is thorough in his preaching and reverent in his administration of the sacraments.

On the 18th of January, the two of us took the twenty-five mile trip to Yuan Lang, one of our outstations not far from the Communist border. It's a scenic drive along the bay, over and through the mountains that skirt the shore line. This town lies some miles inland on a broad, densely populated plain. Some of the villages in this area still retain their high brick walls; others have torn them down and modernized their appearance. Our little chapel was well filled. Often they cannot accommodate all who come. Pastor Wu and his assistant, David Chu, are doing fine work here and the response is encouraging.

"On February 16 all the Lutheran missionaries, together with others were invited to spend the day at Hay Ling Chau (The Isle of Happy Healing). occasion was the organization of a congregation am the lepers. About half of the more than three hun patients living on the island have been won for Ch The young men from our mission, who have largely responsible for the evangelistic program du the last two years, have been faithful, and we are tha ful for what they have accomplished.

"On this day deacons and elders were dedicated thirty converts were baptized. The last one had t carried to the font, reminding us of the paralytic was brought by four friends and let down through roof to the feet of Jesus. The worship pavilion w we were gathered was built by the lepers on their initiative. It was festooned with lanterns and strea for this occasion. On the cloth which served as a at the front end, a huge red cross had been pai Beneath it were the three Chinese characters: 'Chu, Tang,' meaning 'Lord Willing Church,' the refer of course, being to the leper of whom we read in M 1:41. It was a big day for them, and we were than for the opportunity to be with them. At the begin of the service, we were startled with a loud blas exploding firecrackers. To us it did not seem fittin that time, but we have to remember that to the Chi firecrackers 'belong' when anything of importan about to take place."

Pastor Anderson gives the following information missionaries and Chinese Christians in Comm China:

"At our community prayer meeting on March each received a list of missionaries still held in munist China—there are seventeen names. Thre them are Lutheran: The Rev. Paul Mackenson o ULCA has been in prison a year—a young man i late twenties. Miss E. Nielson of the Danish missio Manchuria, is able to witness in her room at home. Rev. Mr. Parviainen of the Finnish mission is somewhere in Hunan. The China Inland Missio four adults and one child; the American Presbyt Mission has six adults (one of these has a perm stay); the Independent Mission has two, both in pr the Christian Missions to Many Lands, the Conserv Baptists, the Pentecostals, and Mennonites each one. There is a Miss Willis who has chosen to in Shanghai as she is able to work in the Christian Room selling Scriptures. A Miss Wagner is also but it was not known to which mission she belo

The Chinese Christians, too, need our prayers. We were much encouraged to hear reports from various places where the Christians were witnessing boldly.

"At a meeting in Shanghai, seventy were recently added to the Church, and Christian workers had seven thousand posters they planned to distribute in the city. We believe many are standing true under great pressure and persecution. The Lord is also dealing with those who have compromised and turned collaborators with the new regime. One of them came to our aged pastor, confessing that he was sorry for what he had said and done. Others, we feel sure, are suffering deeply in the realization that they have denied and betrayed the Lord who bought them. Pray for them, too.

"I had a very interesting conversation recently with one of our Bible school students, who with his family recently came out of China. His father was formerly manager of a large business firm in the interior, the son his assistant. Both were put to hard labor, high pressured by Red agents to give up their Christianity. When that did no good, they were threatened with bodily violence and even death. Through it all, their faith did not waver. 'Do your worst,' they told these Red henchmen, 'We would rather die than forsake Christ.' All the while they prayed that they might be able to leave, and that's what happened. They were finally branded as undesirable (a brand they were proud to bear.) Their persecutors provided free transportation to the border with armed guards for escort."

From another source of news we have received the following information about one of the encouraging incidents in Christian circles in China that took place during the Christmas Season.

"This last Christmas was celebrated with great spirit in the churches of China. In one of the cities of Fukien the Communist mayor and several of his officials were present at the celebration. The pastor called on one of the older church members to lead in prayer. In the course of the prayer, he prayed for Mao Tze-tung, adding to the prayer for guidance and protection the prayer that he might become a Christian. Several of the Communists were incensed at this and loudly protested, but the old man calmly went on with his prayer. After the meeting the mayor came up to him and apologized for the behavior of his colleagues, and added that his prayer was 'very good.' This story is authenticated by a direct letter to the old man's son, who is a student in this country."

The Rev. Palmer Anderson, whose letter we have just quoted, is the author of a new book on China that is called *Young China in the Valley of Decision*. This book deals with the question that comes to many minds, "What is happening to the Christian church in China today?" In presenting the answer, Pastor Anderson does not dogmatically present his own opinions in the matter but gives thumbnail sketches of individual young Christians who are faced with the definite choice of having to decide between the cross and the hammer and sickle. The terrific struggle that ensues is illustrated in their lives and in their decisions. I believe that all who read the book will be enriched spiritually and will receive a greater insight into the things that are happening in the Communist world as it is represented in China today.

From the Church Council

Among the noteworthy actions of the Church Council at its recent meeting were the following:

Dr. Martin Anderson was re-elected as a National Lutheran Councillor. Future tenure in these positions was limited to three terms of three years each, except that the President of the Church should always be one of the Councillors.

The Military Chaplaincy Commission, consisting of Dr. V. T. Jordahl, Dr. L. A. Pierson, and Dr. Martin Anderson, was empowered, with the assistance of Dr. Aasgaard, to secure a counsellor of ELC military chaplains and to arrange with the Board of Trustees for the needed funds.

It was recommended that two years of residence study at our seminary, one of which is the senior year, shall be required as a condition for the admission of a seminarian to the ministerium of The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

It was voted that the favorable action on Social Security for pastors on a voluntary basis taken at the 1952 General Convention be again called to the attention of the Congress and Administration, those presently in office being a change from last summer.

It was voted, in carrying out a convention directive to pass on the matter, that associate and assistant pastors be given the same status at conventions as other pastors (with regard to membership, discussion, and voting privileges). A leading consideration in reaching this decision, as given in the resolution, was that such pastors usually represent more people than are embraced by the average multiple parish.

While it was decided to adhere to the former practice of ordaining chaplains at a service in Minneapolis in charge of the President of the Church, it was recommended that the home congregations in such cases arrange a special recognition service honoring such men.

It was voted that the text of "The United Testimony on Faith and Life," adopted as the doctrinal basis for proposed merger, be printed in pamphlet form in quantity, and that congregations be urged to use it in their study programs.

On This Ground

Harold B. Kildahl

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
May 3, 1953
Text: John 16:6-16

On the ground of truth, God's truth, the Spirit of God moves among men and through the world of men offering sharp and stern reproof—of sin, of righteousness and judgment. It could not be otherwise. Not if Christ is the Son of God. Not if Christ is the Divine Redeemer who abides with us forever. Not if what He said is true, that He would be with us always even unto the end of the world. It has to be that way, a constant reminder, a continuous witness, a whisper at times, and at others a loud cymbal of sound.

On the ground of truth, God's truth, the Holy Spirit offers the world of men the law of God and the words of Christ as mirrors of faith and action. Look into the mirror of the law; gaze into the meaning of Christ's words, and the reproof of sin will drive you into the shelter of confession and the safety of God's forgiving grace. Isn't that what you and I have always believed and have learned with Paul to say—"The law is become our tutor to bring us to Christ"? The Holy Spirit, on the grounds of God's truth, reproves the world of sin, and the law is the means whereby "cometh the knowledge of sin."

On the ground of truth, God's truth, the Holy Spirit offers the world of men the life and teachings of Christ as examples of righteousness. If the truth teaches just one fact it is this: Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, lived a perfect life among men and died to make men perfect. The righteousness of Christ shines through it all, and he who by the law has been condemned finds hope of grace and life in the person, the life, and death of Jesus Christ. Again, on the ground of truth, the Holy Spirit holds high before men the reality of righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ.

On the ground of truth, God's truth, the Holy Spirit offers the world of men the ultimate choice of life in Jesus' name, or death and separation from God. The judgments of God are inexorable. And the judgment of men shall be rendered both in this life and in the life to come on the ground of eternal truth. There is no other ground. Christ has already fixed the judgment of Satan when He said, "I saw Satan fall," and when He broke the power of death by the resurrection. Thus He is in effect saying to you and to me—"He that believeth and keepeth the Word of God shall not enter into condemnation but shall pass from death into life."

On the ground of truth—spoken to disciples, to believing men and women in every age, even to you and to me, this life and the life to come are and shall forever be based. There is no other ground save Him, the Son of God, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.

The Church Moves to Main Street

Philip S. Dyby

The problems of the multiple parish are unusually gre in The Evangelical Lutheran Church just because v have so many parishes with two, three, four, five, a even six congregations served by one pastor. One of t common problems in the multiple parish is to establi a good working relationship between the various co gregations. This is especially important if they are re sonably close together geographically.

At Lyle, Minnesota, under the leadership of the Re Stanley Gjervik, we have an unusually fine illustrati of what can be done to build up a multiple parish developing co-operation among the various congreg tions.

Late in 1951 the congregations of the parish boug a building on Main Street for $13,000 which had be built as a large garage but more recently used as a fu niture store. Remodeling began immediately, and befo long the building changed completely and became unusually well-planned and beautifully decorated pari hall, including a large assembly room or chapel, a goo sized recreation room, a fine kitchen, adequate chur offices, furnace room, etc.

Much volunteer labor from people throughout t parish was contributed. As interest developed, peop also began to give generously to the project to cov the cost of the building and the remodeling, which w almost double the initial cost of the building. Mon began coming in at the average of $1,000 a mon without any special appeal or drive.

This parish center has become the center of most the activities of the parish except the formal mornin worship services and the Sunday school. It houses t Junior Luther League, the Alpha League, the Brothe hood, the midweek Bible study, the confirmation class the adult instruction class, meetings of the boards of t churches, the Sunday school teachers meetings, Ladi Aids, Boy Scouts, 4-H, and the couples' club. More cently the high school young people are using it for rec ation on Saturday nights, and even the local commerc club uses it for their monthly meetings.

This project has given the entire parish something work for together. It draws the parish and the enti community closer together. This is possibly worth mo than the building itself, wonderful as it is.

Representatives from other multiple parishes can w afford to travel hundreds of miles just to visit the Tri ity Lutheran Parish Center at Lyle to get ideas. Lyle twelve miles south of Austin, Minnesota on Highw 218.

Meditations for the Family Altar

Joel Njus

TOWARD THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The Epistle: James 1:22-27 **The Gospel: John 16:23-28**

Monday, May 4
DOOR BELL PUSHERS

Read Acts 9:1-22

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. . . . And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for a man of Tarsus named Saul. . . ."

Damascus was no mean city. In one of its thousands of houses lay Saul of Tarsus, blind, troubled, and praying. It did not occur to Saul to send for a Christian to come to him. But God knew of his need, and gave Ananias his name and address and told him to go and call on Saul.

In many a large city today there are souls in need of a word from the Lord. It does not perhaps occur to them to go to a Christian for spiritual help. Like Ananias, we must go to them. We do not need to wait for an invitation, because we have the Lord's command, "Go." Home mission work begins with the door bell. And often where we least expect it, a Saul is waiting for a word from God.

Dear God, may we all be doorbell pushers for Thee. Amen.

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Tuesday, May 5
WE ARE BEING INVITED

Read Acts 10:1-33

"And now send men to Joppa, and bring one Simon who is called Peter; he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside."

The Lord gave Saul's address to Ananias, and now He gives Peter's address to Cornelius. The invitation Cornelius extends to Peter to come to his house was most unusual. Cornelius makes sure that Peter understands that it is not merely a social invitation, but one that is issued on the order of a holy angel. At the same time, God in a vision prepares Peter lest he fail to see in the invitation a call from God Himself to pay a visit to Cornelius.

How too bad if Peter had turned down this invitation of Cornelius. How too bad if we as a Church turn down invitations to come with the Gospel of Christ. And we are being invited today into scores of communities. It seems as if too many doors are being opened. We do well to ask ourselves this question: Does God issue more invitations than we can accept? When God calls, have we a right to hesitate?

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Wednesday, May 6
BE READY FOR THE ANSWER

Read Acts 12:1-19

So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church.

Peter's situation seemed quite hopeless. He was in prison with four squads of soldiers guarding him. He was bound in chains between two soldiers. Within a few hours he was to be brought forth to be put to death. That night, as they had done many nights since the arrest of Peter, the Christians were gathered in earnest prayer to God on his behalf. As they prayed, an angel was leading Peter out of the prison and into the city a free man.

When Rhoda reported that Peter was knocking at the gate, they told her she was mad. The answer to their prayer was there, and they couldn't believe it was possible. Fortunately, Peter was a patient man and kept on knocking until they let him in. We know God hears our prayers. Let us therefore have our ears tuned for the knock on the gate, that we may recognize the answer when it comes.

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Thursday, May 7
FORCED OUT OF BUSINESS

Read Acts 19:23-41

About this time there arose no little stir concerning the Way.

This statement of Luke is putting the matter mildly. The riot in Ephesus that day was of such proportions that the civil authorities were frankly worried. But note that the riot was not instigated by Paul, nor were the participants those who were followers of the Way. Paul's conduct was always above reproach as far as civil authority was concerned.

Paul's preaching changed lives, and that in turn had some practical consequences. Demetrius saw in Christianity a danger to his business. Every convert Paul made meant one less potential customer for a silver shrine of Artemis. So he did some effective propaganda and stirred up a riot. Many a business is threatened by Christianity. Every convert means one less potential customer for a business that lives off man's lust and passion. Making more Christians rather than more laws is the answer. And we must expect opposition from those we are "putting out of business."

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Friday, May 8
GOD SHOWS HIS POWER

Read Acts 20:1-12

On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them . . . and he prolonged his speech until midnight.

It is easy to understand why Paul spoke at length this last night in Troas. It is also easy to understand how this young man fell asleep during such a long sermon. But the fact that he had chosen as his seat an open window on the third floor, turned a very natural and ordinary occurrence into a tragedy. They picked the young man up from the ground below and found him dead. His restoration to life by Paul not only turned a tragedy into a joyous occasion, but also comforted them in terms of Paul's departure. This young man would remain a constant reminder of Paul's last visit and the miracle God had performed through His servant. Under God, the tragedies of life are changed into occasions for thanksgiving as we see how even in them, God makes all things work together for good to those who love Him. In Him, the dead shall rise to life.

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Saturday, May 9
FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISE

Read Acts 27:9-44

"Now I bid you take heart; for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. . . . So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told."

The situation in which Paul spoke these words was dramatic in the highest degree. The ship was at the mercy of a violent storm. All hope of coming out alive had been abandoned. The people on board were mentally and physically exhausted from lack of food. When one expects each moment to be his last, his appetite suffers. But most of all they needed hope.

Paul gave them such hope by passing on to them the message he had received from God that no lives would be lost. It was faith in God's promise that gave Paul the courage to speak thus in the midst of a seemingly hopeless situation. Many are the promises God has given us in Christ Jesus. Let us make them known to others that they too may have hope.

Hope in the Lord, O my soul. Amen.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Ol

SAYS U.S. NEEDS BETTER OVERSEAS REPRESENTATIVES

American overseas representatives, both governmental and private, should have the qualities which make a good Christian missionary, says Oliver J. Caldwell, assistant U. S. commissioner for International Education. Addressing a conference sponsored by the Congregational Christian Churches he stated, "If we lose the cold war, it will partly be the fault of our overseas representatives. Personalities and attitudes must reinforce policies. Many informed observers believe we are losing ground internationally because of the inadequacies of some of our international representatives."

Mr. Caldwell believes our representatives abroad should have "a clear understanding of, and an intense faith in, the basic Christian principles on which our nation was founded" and must possess "spiritual perception." Pointedly he added, "I don't think materialists are necessarily qualified to help their country combat dialectic materialism."

He suggested, as a solution, the establishment of a college for International Service, with foundation support, by one of the larger universities. No doubt Mr. Caldwell can predict that such a college would produce "the qualities which make a good Christian missionary." No doubt he has seen the problem abroad. We suggest he look a little further for the answer.

FILM ON CHRIST BANNED

A new film on the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, "I Beheld His Glory," was rejected for TV showing by the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System. At the same time 131 of 140 local TV stations carried the hour-long film which had been produced by Cathedral Films. Objections to the film, it was learned, were based partly on the screen characterization of some Jews and their relationship to the death of Christ.

Sig Mickelson, director of news and public affairs for CBS, said his company had rejected the picture because it did not "measure up to standard" and would be "offensive" to a large number of persons. Davidson Taylor, a spokesman for NBC, said, "While recognizing that the subject matter was of the highest importance, we felt that the casting of the villains in the Jewish stereotype was both unfortunate and undesirable."

The damage has been done, for the time being, but we would encourage the National Council of Churches Broadcasting and Film Commission to get at the bottom of this weak-kneed decision which reflects such small comprehension of the realities of the Passion of our Lord, and such obeisance before the god of tolerance. The director of the Commission is said to be seeking to determine "the basic reason for the rejection of the film."

JAPAN OPEN TO EVANGELISM

In the midst of an evangelistic tour of Japan Dr. E. Stanley Jones told of his surprise at the continued willingn of the Japanese people to attend to Christian message, noting "there more interest in evangelism now th two years ago during my previ tour." Dr. Jones believes this inte means that the post-war interest Christianity was not just a passing c osity about the religion of the c queror. "I still believe," he said, "t Japan is the ripest field for evangeli work in the world today."

The well-known missionary-evan list, who is 70 years of age and in p health, kept to a three-meetings-a- schedule. Some 21,000 Japanese i cated on cards their decision to bec Christians during the first six we of the tour.

The results of Dr. Jones' preach were noted by Dr. Michio Koz moderator of the United Church Christ in Japan (Kyodan), as he that Japan is "an evangelist's paradi He cited a number of major evang tic events scheduled for the year wh would include (1) the sixth W Congress on Evangelism sponsored Youth for Christ which will be hel

BIBLE CLASS IN STATE CAPITOL

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Gov. Johnston Murray of Oklahoma attends a session of the Blue Room Bible Study C conducted for and by women employees of the state in the capitol building. With him members of the class. The group was given permission by the Governor to use the chan where important state affairs are conducted. The class numbers more than 25 women, usually meet three times a week for one half hour during the lunch period.

Tokyo during August. Plans are being made to mobilize a great force for "saturation evangelism" at that time, with 50 teams going out on evangelistic crusades. (2) In September 2,000 Kyodan pastors and laymen will meet in Tokyo to close a five-year evangelistic crusade and launch a new one.

MORE BIBLICAL SCROLLS FOUND

Remains of some 70 Biblical scrolls believed to be 2,000 or more years old have been found in a cave on the shore of the Dead Sea about 25 miles east of Jerusalem. The discovery, made by Arab shepherds, was announced by Jordan's British-born director of antiquities, G. Lankester Harding. Mr. Harding called the find "perhaps the most sensational archaeological event of our time," adding that 38 of the scrolls had been identified by Dominican scholars as manuscripts of 19 books of the Old Testament. The rest were described as commentaries and paraphrases of Biblical books. The manuscripts are written on papyrus and leather in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.

When the Arabs found the cave containing the 70 scrolls, Biblical scholars and archaeologists were faced with the job of raising enough cash to prevent the Bedouins from selling the manuscripts on the black market or smuggling them out of the country.

The 19 books of the Old Testament represented in the newly-discovered scrolls are those of Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Leviticus, Numbers, Joshua, Ruth, Samuel, Kings, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, and the Lesser Prophets.

PRESSURE CONTINUES IN EAST ZONE

The pressure of the East German governmental authorities against the Lutheran Church, reported in the past weeks, continues to unfold. These are some of the recent reports:

East German authorities have refused to permit the General Synod of the Lutheran Church to hold its scheduled meeting at Weimar, Thuringia, from April 16 to 21. Church officials announced that the Synod would convene in Berlin on the originally scheduled dates. No reasons were given for the ban.

Police and agents of the East German State Security Ministry raided a Lutheran training school for deacons in Saxony, arrested its students and faculty, and took over control of the institution. Students at the school later were released, but its Senior Deacon was held in custody. Again, no reason was given for the action.

State security police in Saxony have arrested the manager of an Evangelical Church home for crippled children in the Magdeburg suburb of Cracau. It was the first punitive action in a Communist campaign against the institution that began March 24 with an attack in a Party youth publication. The published attack concerned alleged "illegal conditions" at the institution, which included the home's management's refusal to let the children "read progressive literature" and to decorate its walls with pictures of Stalin. Later, there came the charge of inhuman treatment of the children who were supposedly barred from attending meetings of the Communist group.

The East German Christian Democratic Union (Communist) has sent a confidential directive to all its district headquarters ordering an intensification of the campaign against the Church youth movement, the Junge Gemeinde.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE RESEARCH DIRECTOR

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Dr. John Henry Shope of New York, executive secretary of the American Friends of the Middle East, has been named Director of Administrative Research for the National Council of Churches, a newly-created post. He will conduct a fact-finding analysis of the National Council's structure and procedures. Dr. Shope has represented local church councils and church administrators in the National Council's research department since 1950.

TITHING MAKING COMEBACK

A man has to face the question of proportionate giving every time he makes out his tax report," said the Rev. T. K. Thompson, executive director of the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council, when he reported to a meeting of the Department in Buck Hill Falls, Pa. As a result, Mr. Thompson believes, the income tax situation can be credited, in part, with the current resurgence of tithing in Christian churches. He reported that tithing is rapidly coming back into practice as a means of supporting the Church and its missionary enterprise, that it is "a great, new rediscovery of this generation of Christians."

Dr. John T. Peters, of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., reported that more than 500 churches of that denomination had requested the privilege of being "pilot churches" in the conduct of tithing experiments. Dr. James G. Patton, Jr., of the Presbyterian Church in U.S. (Southern) told of the increase of tithing throughout the Southland. "About 20 years ago," he said, "a church in Roanoke, Va., started a 13-week tithing project which has become known as 'the Belmont plan.' During the first quarter of 1952, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. conducted a similar experiment throughout its fellowship, and the response was tremendous."

Dr. S. T. Ludwig, of the Church of the Nazarene, reported to the meeting of the Department that although his Church does not make tithing a test of membership, the practice is encouraged and has become almost universal in the fellowship. "We believe that giving one tenth of one's income to the Kingdom of God through the Church is God's minimum standard for the Christian," he said.

Schools and Colleges

Edited by the Division of Higher Education

AUGUSTANA CHOIR MAKES RECORDINGS

The a cappella choir of Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has recently made a recording, the first in several years. Included on the ten-inch, long-play disc will be "The Nicene Creed," "Our Father," and "O God, Hear My Prayer" by A. Gretchaninoff; and "Jerusalem Road" and "Thy Holy Wings" by Dr. Carl R. Youngdahl, director.

It is expected that the records will be ready for distribution in early May.

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

About 300 high school Luther Leaguers from the Sioux Falls area met at Augustana College on April 12 for the annual Luther League Day, sponsored by the college LSA. Events of the day included a panel dicussion on leadership, a talent show, tour of the campus, and a supper meeting with the Rev. Carroll Hinderlie, Watertown, S. Dak., as the speaker.

The purpose of this annual affair is to help tie the LSA and the Luther Leagues closer together and to stress leadership among the high school students.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE

The Concordian has again received a first class rating in the Associated Collegiate Press newspaper scorebook, achieving a total score of 865. This rating was given on the basis of the first semester of the 1952-1953 school term.

The purpose of the scorebook is to analyze and rate each publication so that the staff knows how its work stands in relationship to the work of others. To make competition as fair as possible, papers are classified according to method of publication, type of school, enrollment of school, and frequency of issue.

The Concordian has received all-American honors eleven times.

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Winners of this year's Folmer and Billy Hansen Memorial Leadership awards are Enid Larson and Lyle Rich, juniors, and Janet Stenson and Robert Narveson, seniors. Recipients of the award are determined by a combined student and faculty committee of 14. The nominees are then investigated as to Christian citizenship, character, and scholarship.

LUTHER COLLEGE

Lutheran faculty members at the Iowa colleges and universities met at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, on April 11 for a conference arranged by the Division of Student Service of the National Lutheran Council.

The topic for discussion was "The Role of Faith in Education," with Dr. Warren Quanbeck, professor of New Testament at Luther Theological Seminary, as the featured speaker. Subjects considered were centered about the relevance of Christian faith in the academic world and the responsibility of the Christian professor.

ST. OLAF COLLEGE

The St. Olaf College debate team was one of only four colleges in the nation to win top sweepstakes honors in both men's and women's divisions at the national Pi Kappa Delta forensics tournament held the week of April 6 in Kalamazoo, Mich. A total of 123 colle from 29 states entered the four-day c test.

At this time Dr. Theodore Nels Ole debate coach, was elected v president of this national inter-collegi forensics society.

On April 27-28 the senior me team, composed of David Hardy, M nomen, and Lowell Erdahl, Blue Ea compete in the "World Series" of bate, the West Point Invitational.

Before entering the Kalamazoo c test, the St. Olaf debaters had compi a season record of 124 wins against losses, one of the top records in the tion.

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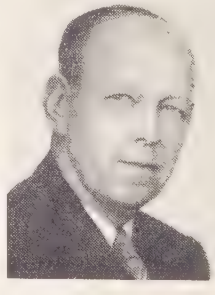
On April 17-18 the St. Olaf stud body was host to a Student Governm Conference. Attending the meet were four delegates from each of Midwest Conference schools: Carlet Ripon, Lawrence, Knox, Monmou Coe, Cornell, and Grinnell.

Discussions on student governm problems were held and a new const tion drafted for the organization. T marks the first visit of representati from all the Midwest colleges since Olaf joined the Conference last spri George Hanson, student body vice-pr dent, was in charge of arranging meeting.

PROF. O. A. TINGELSTAD, PH.D., D.D.

Dr. Oscar A. Tingelstad, professor emeritus, Luther College, Decorah, Ia., died April 8, in his 71st year. Memorial services took place at Luther College Friday morning, April 10; the funeral was held in the afternoon of the same day at First Lutheran Church in Decorah, the Rev. R. A. Ofstedal officiating. Tingelstad was born Sept. 20, 1882, at Hickson, N. Dak. He was graduated from Luther College in 1905 and from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, in 1907. In 1913 he obtained the M.A. degree and in 1925 the Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago. In 1950 he was given the D.D. degree by Pacific Lutheran College. From 1907 to 1909 he was pastor of the Ballard Church, Seattle, Wash. From 1909 to 1928 he taught at Luther College, Decorah. After fifteen years (1928-43) as president of Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, Wash., he returned to Luther College, teaching there until 1950, when he resigned because of failing health. From 1917 to 1922 he was secretary of the Young People's Luther League, and 1926 he was manager of the Luther Olaf College endowment drive. authorship included "The Religi Element in American School Reade he was co-editor of a memorial volu "Christian Keyser Preus" and of " ther College Through Sixty Years." 1928 he became a member of American Association for the Adva ment of Science, of which he in 1 was elected fellow. In 1909 he mar Alfield S. Tvete, who survives him.



Within the ELC

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Tioga, N. Dak. In a recent news item concerning First Lutheran Church of Tioga it was stated that a new church and a new parsonage are to be built. This is not correct, according to a communication from the pastor of the church, the Rev. J. Elmo Agrimson. A new parsonage has been built, and was dedicated Feb. 18; but there are no plans for a new church.

Crosby, N. Dak. This parish, until lately served by the Rev. I. M. Thvedt, has been rearranged on a three-year trial period. Bethlehem, Troy, and Glenwood churches now form the rural Crosby parish; its pastor will be Orlin Ness, at present a senior at Luther Theological Seminary. Concordia Church in town will form a parish by itself.

Rocky Mountain

Big Sandy, Montana. Havre Circuit LPLL met in spring convention at Christ Church, parish of the Rev. Russell Halaas, April 9-10. Guest speaker was Dr. O. G. Malmin, editor of Lutheran Herald.

Pacific

Tacoma, Wash. The spring convention of South Puget Sound Circuit LWMF was held April 21 at Central Church, parish of the Rev. R. H. Redal. A workshop, divided into five sections, took place during the forenoon.

California

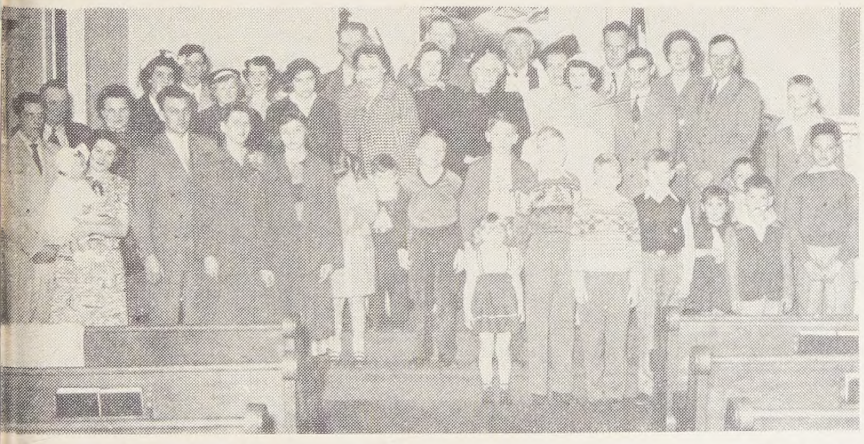
Glendale, Calif. Salem Church, which some years ago erected a parish hall on North Brand Street, is making plans for the erection of a new church on the site named. Its membership numbers about 700. As earlier announced in **Lutheran Herald,** its pastor, the Rev. S. T. Sorenson, who has served it since 1942, will terminate this pastorate in June to become the rector of the Bethesda Home for the Aged in Chicago.

Fred H. Hanneman, for the past 36 years organist and choir director of Mt. Horeb Church, Mt. Horeb, Wis., parish of the Rev. E. R. Anderson, was recently given a gold wrist watch at a fellowship evening given in his honor by the choir, the Guild, the Ladies' Aid, and the Brotherhood of the Church. He began his career as an organist fifty years ago, while a mere lad, and later studied music at Chicago Music College and the University of Wisconsin. For years he served as band director of the Mt. Horeb public schools.

FOUR GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRANTS

Pictured herewith are four couples (all of them members of the same church, Plentywood Lutheran, Plentywood, Montana) who within the last fourteen months have celebrated golden wedding anniversaries. They are, left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Ole N. Wold, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. William Hanisch.

FORTY NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED INTO WASHINGTON CHURCH



In the accompanying picture are shown 38 of the 40 new members which joined Bethel Church, Brush Prairie, Wash., on Palm Sunday. After the services they were given a reception in the parish hall. Three of the adult new members were baptized and five confirmed. The pastor of Bethel Church is the Rev. O. K. Blomelie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"The Story of First Lutheran" is an illustrated booklet about the appointments and furnishings of First Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minn. Good reference book for symbolism. Price $1.50. Order from First Lutheran Altar Guild, St. Mary and Clark Streets, Albert Lea, Minn.

Arrowhead Circuit WMF will meet May 12 at Bethel Church, South Superior, Wis. Speaker: Miss Alice Sanne.

Bemidji Circuit WMF will meet April 28 at Cass Lake, Minn. Speaker: Dr. Oscar C. Hanson.

Mitchell Circuit WMF will meet April 22 at Salem, S. Dak. Speaker: the Rev. C. M. Hanson.

Rock River Circuit WMF will meet May 13 at Janesville, Wis. Speakers: Miss Alice Sanne and the Rev. Robin Skyles.

Blue Earth Circuit WMF will meet May 5 at Bricelyn, Minn. Speakers: Dr. and Mrs. O. G. Malmin.

Harvey Circuit WMF will meet May 4 at McClusky, N. Dak. Speaker: the Rev. Conrad Halvorson.

Fargo Circuit WMF will meet April 29 at Olivet Church, Fargo, N. Dak. Speakers: Mrs. R. O. Storvick and Pastors John Schultz and J. M. Moe.

Eau Claire Circuit WMF will meet May 12 at Grace Church, Eau Claire, Wis. Speakers: the Rev. J. N. Otte and Mesdames E. W. Sihler and Ruth Youngdahl Nelson.

Glenwood Circuit WMF will hold a workers' conference May 5 at Lowry, Minn.

The Placement Service

The purpose of the Placement Service is to assist in the locating of our people in communities served by the Lutheran Church. The Placement Service has not investigated the merits of the propositions advertised and assumes no responsibility in the matter. Send your ads and communications to The Placement Service of the E.L.C. New address: 303 Times Bldg., 57 S. 4th St., Minneapolis 1, Minnesota. (Refer to ad number in answering.)

FOR SALE

Farms

Nice lot on Whitefish Lake, north of Brainerd, Minn. Lot has 100 ft. front, 450 ft. deep. Good township road. 1300 ft. from main blacktop; electricity and telephone available. Sugar sand beach, beautiful setting. Price $1,500. 307-1A

Improved 157 acre farm on paved highway in southwestern Minnesota. Good producer and near Lutheran church. 307-2A

Highly improved 1,440 acre farm located in Dickey Co., North Dakota. Would consider trading for smaller farms in southern Minn., northern Iowa, or eastern South Dakota. 307-3A

240 acre stock farm with modern house and large set of buildings for sale in east central South Dakota. Very good farming district. 5 miles from Lutheran church and good town with schools. Must be sold to settle estate and is priced accordingly. 307-4A

Homes

Modern 3 bedroom home with full basement and gas heat for sale in city of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Attached garage, near Lutheran church and schools. 307-5B

Lakeshore home for sale. Cozy, year-round, 3-bedroom modernized bungalow home in Wadena Co., Minnesota. 300 ft. lakeshore, double garage, ¾ basement. ¼ mile to high school; ½ mile to church. Ideal for retired party or for motel. In pines region. Owner moving. 307-6B

For sale—six room modern house in Pequot Lakes, Minn. 3 bedrooms, basement, new furnace, fully insulated and weatherstripped. Includes 1 acre of land, small new barn, excellent garden plot and garage. Close to school and ELC church. Very reasonable. 307-7B

Businesses

Cafe building and all equipment in county seat town in southeastern S. Dak. for sale for $6,500. Good going business, in Norwegian Lutheran community in a prosperous area. 307-8C

Motel, cafe, service station, bulk plant, and two modern four-room homes with 10 acres of ground for sale. Located on main hig about 45 miles south of Minneapolis, Mi 30

For sale—building on main street, for c or rooming house. Furnished. Northea part of South Dakota. Progressive town. Lutheran church. Reason for selling—dea physician. 307

For sale—grocery store and lunch cou only one in town. Large all Lutheran munity, church and school. Fixtures at Stock on inventory. Store building ca leased or bought. 307

Department store for sale in southern M town on R.R. and 2 state highways. M city improvements, large public school, 3 churches, rich farming area. Only general store in town, has best corner location. H compels owner to retire; 50 years prof career. Stock at inventory; lease building fixtures. Safe investment and real opport for an alert merchant. 307

WANTED TO BUY

Wanted to buy into good business a active partner, preferably a drug store. W consider also clothing or shoe store. 307

WANTED TO RENT

Seminary graduate desires small furn apartment by September in New York. closer to Biblical Seminary the better. child, age 2. 307

Lady desires nice room with kitchen leges in south Minneapolis by the last pa April. References available. 307

POSITIONS WANTED

Lutheran girl wishes work to pay for and board in a St. Paul, Minnesota home office hours. Best of references. 307

Position wanted—doing housework or c for one individual by middle-aged lady. 307

Summer positions wanted by three y elementary school teachers. Prefer work i ble camp or resort. Will consider cashi waitress work in restaurant or hotel. 307

Experienced parish worker available i diately. Has own car. College and LBI g ate. 307

Position wanted teaching. Social sci coach. Excellent references; six years e ence. Luther College graduate. 307

Middle-aged, married schoolman daughter and son of H. S. age, desires c of position and drier climate. Has M.A. d experience as rural and high school te H. S. principal, 15 years school supt. an position as Vets. Ag. Instr. 5 years. V prefer Counseling, Jr. College teaching search, or a school superintendency. Lo must have ELC church. 307

A good teaching position wanted in Lutheran community, city with populati 5,000 or more. Prefer a superintenden music position. Have master's degree. M aged. 307

A young Lutheran, and a graduate course in hospital administration desi position as assistant administrator in a hospital or will consider a position of ad trator in a smaller hospital. Has a wif one child. 307

HELP WANTED

Housekeeper wanted for one perso southern Minnesota. Norwegian Lutheran munity. 307

Woman between 40 and 50 wanted t for semi-invalid lady in central Minneso cludes cooking. 307

Practical nurse or good middle-aged w

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THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

ith some nursing experience, wanted to work rest home close to Twin Cities, Minnesota. ood working conditions. Board and room. ages open. 307-26F

Matron wanted: to assist superintendent in e administration of a Lutheran home for ildren in Illinois. 307-27F

Wanted—Superintendent for new 26 bed ospital, who is also an R.N., in northeastern wa. Good salary, social security, and vacation. nother position open immediately for regis- red nurse. Church-home available locally if n aged parent is being cared for. Town has ew Lutheran church and school. Immediate ntacts are desired. 307-28F

Position of parish worker-parish secretary pening June 1, in new southern California ngregation in area overlooking Pacific Ocean. rowing Sunday school requires experienced sistant. Ability to do League work also re- ired. 307-29E

Minneapolis church desires church custodian. arried man preferred. 307-30G

Man or married couple urgently needed in utheran Old People's Home in northwestern orth Dakota. Must be willing to help care r invalid patients, assist with janitor work, nd cleaning. 307-31G

In Loving Remembrance

Memorial Wreaths—ELC

nd I heard a voice from heaven saying, Vrite, Blessed are the dead who die in the ord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, hat they may rest from their labors; for their vorks follow with them. Revelation 14:13.

In loving remembrance of dear ones de- arted, the following gifts for the further- nce of the Kingdom of God have been iven.

From March 16 through March 20, 1953

Aaker, Anton G., Flandreau, S. Dak., $11.
Afdahl, Mrs. G. J., Ryder, N. Dak., $3.
Askevold, Mrs. Abraham, St. James, Minn., $5.
Baker, E. E., Choteau, Mont., $2.
Belling, Mrs. Ole J., Litchville, N. Dak., $27.
Benson, Mrs., Jackson, Minn., $5.
Berg, Lawrence, Stanley, Wis., $1.
Bestul, R. J., Mount Horeb, Wis., $53.
Bjerke, Mrs. Ingeborg, Eau Claire, Wis., $5.
Bjorge, Gynther A., Rushford, Minn., $44.
Bjorg, Henry, Adams, N. Dak., $38.
Brandt, Mrs. Roxana, Garretson, S. Dak., $10.
Christenson, Harold C., Grove City, Minn., $11.
Chose, Andrew, Lake Mills, Ia., $26.
Cordahl, Mrs. Karen, Stanley, Wis., $20.50.
Cree, W. W., Amery, Wis., $3.
Dieken, Mrs. Phillip, Bode, Ia., $19.
Ekein, Mathilda, Minneapolis, Minn., $13.
Ekern, M. I., Flandreau, S. Dak., $5.
Eliason, Mrs., Kloten, N. Dak., $5.
Eneboe, Christian, Canton, S. Dak., $1.
Erickson, Mrs. Arnold, Page, N. Dak., $1.
Fewell, Oliver, Hastings, N. Dak., $3.
Fossen, Gerhard, Clarkfield, Minn., $1.
Fremming, Nellie, Minneapolis, Minn., $47.
Gilbertson, Mrs. Carrie, Lisbon, N. Dak., $3.
Grotte, Mrs. Ed, Plaza, N. Dak., $2.
Gudvangen, Henry, Albert Lea, Minn., $3.
Halverson, Gena, Kenyon, Minn., $14
Hammer, Mrs. L. E., Roslyn, S. Dak., $10.
Hanson, Andrew, Redwood Falls, Minn., $3.
Haugen, Halver, Jackson, Minn., $5.
Haugen, J. C., Owen, Wis., $10.
Hedland, Mrs. Robert, Jackson, Minn., $5.
Hendrickson, Mrs. Martha, Emmetsburg, Ia., $34.50.
Hia, Mrs. Emma, Ellsworth, Ia., $26.50.
Hjelmstad, Mrs. Berit, Adams, N. Dak., $66.
Holenko, William, International Falls, Minn., $7.
Hoveland, Mrs. Sarah, Leader, Minn., $5.
Iverson, Mrs. Andrew, Clarkfield, Minn., $8.
Jacobson, Hans, Cyrus, Minn., $54.
Jalbert, Glen, New England, N. Dak., $86.50.
Jenson, Mrs. J. P., Bode, Ia., $48.
Jenson, Sena, Jackson, Minn., $5.
Jenson, Tena, Mount Horeb, Wis., $3.

Johnson, Mrs. G[illegible] Prairie, Minn., $60.
Johnson, Mrs. [illegible] Ia., $60.
Kjelstad, Mrs. A[illegible], Wis., $11.
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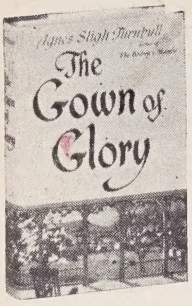

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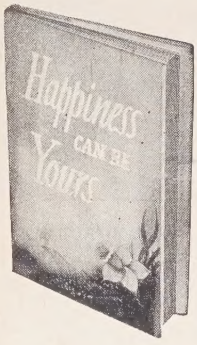

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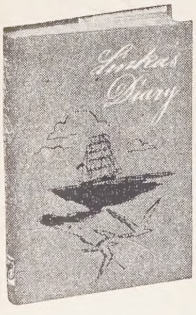

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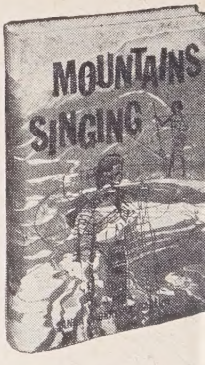

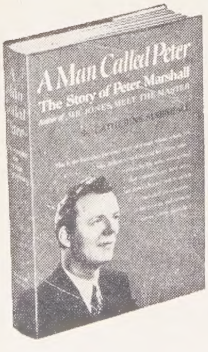

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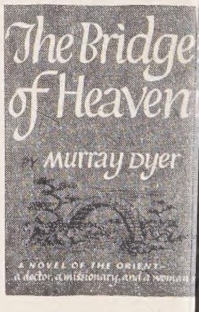

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